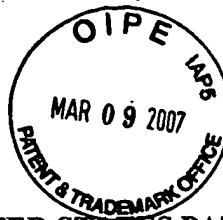


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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Final Office Action dated January 9, 2007. The shortened statutory period for response is three months from the mailing date, i.e., by April 9, 2007, and this response is being filed within that time period. Please enter the following remarks into the record for this application.

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